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Amendments to the Specification

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ABSTRACT

~~An animal outdoor feeder support apparatus for containing animal waste feed by capturing the waste in a collection container, consisting of a bottomless supporting base to be fixed to the ground, the base including a compartment large enough to shelter a collection container, a hollow telescopic support tube, a saucer-shaped platform bowed down towards an opening within a low point, the platform preventing waste derived from the bird feeder from falling on the lawn, the hollow telescopic support tube coupled to an opening in the saucer-shaped platform and to the supporting base such that the hollow support forms a waste passageway from the platform to the collection container below to prevent the waste from falling on the ground, and a path from the platform to the collection container via the passageway is substantially unobstructed.~~ wild birds comprises a platform having at least one low point and constructed and arranged to be connected at a discharge opening at each low point to an inlet opening in a hollow support attachable to a base and adapted to provide an unobstructed substantially vertical downward waste discharge path from each discharge opening to a replaceable collection container provided within the base. A cover member is adapted to be maintained in spaced-apart relationship from the platform by a plurality of cover support members provided at selected points on an upper surface of the platform, and to provide vertical coverage over at least all of a horizontal plane connecting all points on a perimeter of the platform. A bird feed supply can be hung from an interior surface of the cover.